CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-4 (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) A sliding closure system comprising:

an elongate frame lower member including a frame base member, a surface member formed with a longitudinal groove, and a groove filling device in the longitudinal groove, the groove filling device comprising an elastic member and an elongate filling member above the elastic member,

a slidable leaf lower member, and

a height control roller attached to the slidable leaf lower member, the height control roller having a projection that is received in the longitudinal groove for guiding the slidable leaf lower member longitudinally of the frame lower member, and wherein the groove filling device further comprises two elongate roller supporting members at opposite respective sides of the longitudinal groove and separated by an elongate space, and the elastic member urges the elongate filling member into engagement with a generally downwardly facing surface of at least one of said two elongate roller supporting members.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) A sliding closure system according to claim 5, wherein the roller supporting members and the elongate filling member are configured to limit upward movement of the elongate filling member relative to the surface member.

8. (Previously Presented) A sliding closure system according to claim 5, wherein the groove filling device comprises a groove filling device base member and said two elongate roller supporting members are secured to the groove filling device base member at said opposite respective sides of the longitudinal groove, the groove filling device base member and the two roller supporting members define said elongate space, the elastic member and the elongate filling member are located in the elongate space, and the elastic member urges the elongate filling member upwards in the elongate space.

9. (Previously Presented) A sliding closure system according to claim 5, further comprising sealing elements carried by the leaf lower member and in sliding engagement with the frame lower member for resisting penetration of air between the leaf lower member and the frame lower member.

10. (Previously Presented) A sliding closure system according to claim 5, wherein the surface member of the frame lower member has first and second longitudinal regions, the first longitudinal region is formed with said longitudinal groove, the second longitudinal region is formed with a second longitudinal groove that is parallel to the longitudinal groove formed in the first longitudinal region.

11. (Previously Presented) A sliding closure system according to claim 10, wherein the system further comprises a second slidable leaf lower member and a second height control roller attached to the second slidable leaf lower member, and the second height control roller has a projection that is received in the second longitudinal groove for guiding the second leaf lower member longitudinally of the frame lower member.

12. (Currently Amended) A sliding closure system according to claim 11, wherein the first and second longitudinal regions of the surface member of the frame lower member are at different heights respectively with respect to the frame base member and the second slidable leaf lower member has a greater vertical extent than the vertical ~~extend~~ extent of the first-mentioned slidable leaf lower member.

13. (Previously Presented) A sliding closure system according to claim 12, wherein the difference between said heights is substantially equal to the difference between the vertical extents of the slidable leaf lower members.

14. (Previously Presented) A sliding closure system according to claim 10, wherein the second longitudinal groove is composed of first and second length segments, and the system further comprises a fixed panel fitted in the first length segment of the second longitudinal

groove and a groove cover fitted in the second length segment of the second longitudinal groove.

15. (Previously Presented) A sliding closure system according to claim 5, further comprising:

an elongate frame upper member formed with a longitudinal groove,

a slidable leaf upper member having an upper insertion portion that projects into the longitudinal groove of the frame upper member.

16. (Previously Presented) A sliding closure system according to claim 15, comprising a retaining roller attached to the upper insertion portion of the slidable leaf upper member and projecting into the longitudinal groove member of the frame upper member to limit upward movement of a slidable leaf upper member relative to the frame upper member.

17. (Previously Presented) A sliding closure system according to claim 15, wherein the frame upper member comprises a base member and a surface member, the surface member of the frame upper member has first and second longitudinal regions, the first longitudinal region of the surface member of the frame upper member is formed with said longitudinal groove of said frame upper member, the second longitudinal region is formed with a second longitudinal groove, and the longitudinal grooves of said longitudinal regions are substantially parallel.

18. (Previously Presented) A sliding closure system according to claim 17, wherein the system further comprises a second slidable leaf upper member having an upper insertion portion that projects into the second longitudinal groove of the frame upper member.

19. (Previously Presented) A sliding closure system according to claim 17, wherein the first and second longitudinal regions of the surface member of the frame upper member are at different heights respectively with respect to the base member of the frame upper member and the second slidable leaf upper member has a smaller vertical extent than the vertical extent of the first slidable leaf upper member.

20. (Previously Presented) A sliding closure system according to claim 17, wherein the second longitudinal groove of the frame upper member is composed of first and second length segments, and the system further comprises a fixed panel fitted in the first length segment groove and a groove cover fitted in the second length segment.

21. (Previously Presented) A sliding closure system comprising:

a frame comprising an elongate frame lower member, and wherein the frame lower member includes a frame base member, a surface member formed with a longitudinal groove, and a groove filling device in the longitudinal groove, the groove filling device comprising an elastic member and an elongate filling member above the elastic member,

a slidable leaf including a lower member, and

a height control roller attached to the slidable leaf lower member, the height control roller having a projection that is received in the longitudinal groove for guiding the slidable leaf lower member longitudinally of the frame lower member,

and wherein the groove filling device further comprises two elongate roller supporting members at opposite respective sides of the longitudinal groove and separated by an elongate space, and the elastic member urges the elongate filling member into engagement with a generally downwardly facing surface of at least one of said two elongate roller supporting members.

22. (Previously Presented) A sliding closure system according to claim 21, wherein the frame comprises an elongate frame upper member formed with a longitudinal groove and the slidable leaf includes a slidable leaf upper member having an upper insertion portion that projects into the longitudinal groove of the frame upper member.